

and every case that comes before, each and every case of someone asking for welfare or to be in some way to be added to the assistance rolls, they want to keep that power, that life and death power over these people. You know it's a very difficult thing for me to say but I'm not sure that this isn't a little too slick. Not only is there a deal cut in terms of cost, but there's also an ignorance or maybe plain, not ignorance, but not speaking about what other states have had to do in order to make welfare administration more simplified, more understandable and more economical along with the relief of the tax who is local people. That's State administration. Every other state around us has State administration. Nebraska would propose instead that we have the tax relief to the local counties and keep local control, avoiding the efficiencies on the reverse side where we could cut out many of these local welfare Directors, where we could bring together a reasonable administration etc. which could cut the cost of welfare and cut the administrative costs significantly. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Now anyone else, just speaking on the bracketing motion? Seeing none, Senator Reutzel, will you close on your bracketing motion?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I've been long opposed for the number of days we've been here to bracketing bill after bill because we just keep putting it off but that's not the way to solve the problems. In this instance though, I'm looking for some specific information. I know how the County Officials stand, but I don't know how the Governor stands on it. There was a comment made on the floor by Senator Kahle, I believe, about the Governor and his stance on this and I think we all deserve to know how the Governor stands on this particular issue. I don't think lifting a part of the speech which was delivered to the County Official's Association a month ago, six weeks ago, is sufficient at this particular point in time. I think we should make a formal request to the Governor on his stance on this bill. If I can get the response back by Monday, Senator Goodrich, I'd be pleased to make the motion to unbracket the bill. I'm not trying to stall the bill. I'm not trying to kill it. I want that information. I think there are a number of people who would like to get this issue resolved. I'm one of them, but I think we need all the information available to us and I would hope that the body would move to bracket this bill until February 3rd.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion is to bracket LB 92 until February 3. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Bracketing. I've already voted. That way I didn't have to break a tie. Okay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays to bracket, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, the bill LB 92 is bracketed then until February 3. We will take up then...and that takes care of...okay, we'll go on to LB 99. It has already been bracketed? Okay, that's bracketed. LB 446.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a request from Senator Brennan to, and it is his bill, to bracket until February 1.